Drug Price Equalisation Account. A number of cases are pending before the High Court and also the Supreme Court. We are trying to have the cases expeditiously heard. There is one case which has come to our notice. The party itself has been asked to pay this amount, and we have asked the Collector in Bombay to realise it as a part of land revenue.

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Government give an assurance, Sir, on these two points: one, the import of essential drugs will not increase; number two, the price of essential drugs will not shoot up?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The issues referred to are under consideration. Please read the answer.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN: I want to know whether there is any policy under which the Ministry reviews from time to time what drugs have been banned in other countries. Some drugs are marketed all over the world, such as Analgin, and from time to time these are found in more advanced countries in the west to be harmful to health, particularly tablets such as Novalgin and Maxaform. We find that these drugs are still being sold in our markets. I want to know whether there is any policy under which these are reviewed and also these are banned in our country.

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH: Though this is strictly with the Health Ministry, I would like to say that the Government is aware that this has been raised on a number of occasions not only by hon. Members of Parliament but also by others. About drugs which are banned in different countries, the system differs. A particular drug which is banned in the United States is not banned in the U.K. A particular drug which is banned in the U.K. is not banned in some parts of Europe. There are different climatic conditions. Some of the drugs which are banned in those countries, are not banned in our country in the tropical region. These aspects relate to the Drug Control Authority which is under the administrative machinery of the Health Ministry. They are looking into it. In fact, we are coming out with a series of measures for quality control over these things in the new measures, in the new policy measures that we are laying before the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Half-a-minute now. Mr. Lal Advani.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Question No. 90.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Head offices of public sector undertakings

*85. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the public undertakings under his Ministry whose head offices are functioning at New Delhi;

(b) what are the public undertakings having the head offices at Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Trivandrum;

(c) whether Government seriously contemplates shifting of head offices of Public Sector Undertakings to various State Capitals in view of heavy concentration of head offices of these undertakings at New Delhi; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to shift such offices to various other nearby minor cities like Meerut in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The question is being examined to shift offices of some of the public sector undertakings out of Delhi to other National Capital Region towns. This is at a very preliminary stage.

Statement

(a) Names of the Public Sector Undertakings whose Head offices are functioning at New Delhi.

1. Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.
2. National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.
3. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
4. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd.
5. Cement Corporation of India Ltd.
6. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.
7. Maruti Udyog Ltd.
8. National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

(b) Names of Public Sector Undertakings having Head offices at

I. *Madras*

Nil.

II. *Bombay*

1. National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd.
2. Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.

III. *Calcutta*

1. Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
2. Bengal Immunity Ltd.
3. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
4. Andrew, Yule & Company Ltd.
5. Banarhat Tea Company Ltd.
6. Basmatia Tea Company Ltd.
7. Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd.
8. Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.
9. Braithwaite & Company Ltd.
10. Burn Standard Company Ltd.
11. Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.
12. Damodar Cement & Slag Ltd.
13. Hindustan Cables Ltd.
14. Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.
15. Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd.
16. Hooghly Printing Company Ltd.
17. Hoolungooree Tea Company Ltd.
18. Jessop & Company Ltd.
19. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd.
20. Mim Tea Company Ltd.
21. Murphulani (Assam) Tea Company Ltd.
22. National Instruments Ltd.
23. Rajgarh Tea Company Ltd.
24. Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd.
25. Weighbird (India) Ltd.
26. Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.
27. Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

IV. *Bangalore*

1. Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
2. HMT Ltd.
3. HMT (International) Ltd.

V *Hyderabad*

1. Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd.
2. Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd.
3. HMT Bearings Ltd.

VI. *Trivandrum*

NIL.